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Japan Scavenger Hunt

**Landforms and Climate**

Japan is one of the longest countries to exist on this planet. Therefore the most north island and the most southern island experiences different weather. The northeastern part of Japan receives the most snow fall in the year, great for skiing and winter activities. There are approximately 3000 islands that make up Japan. The main islands include Kyushu, Shikoku, Honshu, and Hokkaido. Also, about 80% of Japan’s geography is comprised of mountain ranges, Mount Fuji being the tallest mountain. There are many rivers too, they all flow down from mountain ranges at high speeds and empty out into oceans. Japan is located on a fault line therefore it experiences frequent earthquakes, sometimes of high magnitude, and most of the mountains are volcanic. Due to the factor of Japan being an island, it does receive a lot of precipitation.

**Natural Resources and Agriculture**

Japan has very limited arable land, farmable land, only about 15% is arable. It is mainly due to the rocky, rugged, and stony geographical features of the mountains. Therefore Japan has become dependent on importing goods.

**Environment**

Japan is a huge polluter to other countries all over the world. Japan consists of high technology factories all over the country, it is bound to create toxic pollutants and other forms of pollution. However, Japan has been taking advantage of renewable resources such as wind power.

**Facts and Figures**

* Population 130 million
* 10th most populated in the World
* Size of California
* Made up of 3000 Islands
* 80% is mountain ranges